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## MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 1 MARCH 1960

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PRESENT: [REDACTED]

1. New Worka. D/GC

Black and white prints of 144 maps for the Cuba project have been reproduced and delivered. Of the 77 color maps, 50 are in hand and 27 are still to come from AMS. Maps for territorial water study and for the EIC project on East Germany have been completed and sent to Reproduction.

b. D/GG

25X1A9a The first results of AMS work on the Cuba project have been received, and appear extremely skimpy; they have been forwarded to PM Staff for a determination of what they want done. We will probably work on Paraguay next. [REDACTED] stated that approval would have to be obtained from the DD/I before going ahead on Paraguay.)

2. Travel Plansa. D/GC 25X1A9a

[REDACTED] is scheduled to leave tomorrow for Zurich, Switzerland.

b. D/GL 25X1A9a

[REDACTED] plan to go to ACIC, St. Louis, and SAC, Omaha, later on this month.

c. D/GG

25X1A9a It is planned to send [REDACTED] to visit [REDACTED] in Honolulu to look over his research materials to West China. On the way to Honolulu, [REDACTED] will see [REDACTED]

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3. Significant Conversations and Contacts

a. GRA Courier

A preliminary investigation has been made by the IG's office of our need and use of John. They are apparently looking into the possibility of integrating John into the regular courier system.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] asked that he be informed if the IG's office contacts anyone in the divisions on this matter.

4. Geographer Exchange

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25X1A9a [REDACTED] reported that he had received a copy of a letter from [REDACTED] (E-W Contacts) giving a summary of discussions between Mr. Harris and Gerasimov on the exchange of geographers. This exchange will involve 4 to 6 people for a period of 3 to 4 weeks.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] has asked for our views on this from the intelligence point of view. 25X1A9a [REDACTED] reviewed some of the highlights of the proposal, and received several suggestions which will be incorporated into a reply 25X1A9a [REDACTED].

5. Series on ORR Collection Guides and ORR Gaps in Information

Chief/G has received copies of two memoranda stating the purpose, form, and responsibilities for the production of the ORR Collection Guide Series and the ORR Gaps in Information Series. [REDACTED] asked that 25X1A9a each Division Chief study these memoranda and let him know if there are any further questions or comments.

6. FY 1960 Budget Funds

There is still some money available in the FY 1960 budget for any justifiable expenditure (e.g., external research, travel, equipment); we should put in any requests for these at an early date. [REDACTED] suggested 25X1A9a that [REDACTED] trip might be moved up from mid-July to the end of June; he will investigate this possibility with DD/P personnel prior to making any change.

7. Possible External Research Contracts

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[REDACTED] reported on the progress of two possible external research contracts. A report is expected from AMS sometime this week giving an estimate of time and cost of one of the projects; a proposal has just been sent to [REDACTED] to consider the other.

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8. Security Reminder

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[REDACTED] asked the Division Chiefs to caution their people against carrying classified materials on their person, unless authorized to do so, especially while on domestic or foreign trips.

9. Move to New State

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[REDACTED] informed the group that he moved from SA-1 to the New State Department Building last week.

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